

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace par. [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

Crosstalk between ports is a function of their adjacent edge length.

Referring to FIG. 3, consider port E+ and E-. A differential signal on ports B+ and B- couples differentially to ports E+ and E- because B+ couples to E+ and B- couples to E-. Similarly for H+ and H-. Furthermore, ports D- and F+ couple in noise to E+ and E-. In a maximum coupling case B+, D-, and H+ all transition from low to high, while B-, H-, and F+ all transition from high to low.

These coupled signals can subtract from the differential signal on E+ and E-; hence, these coupled signals are a noise source.